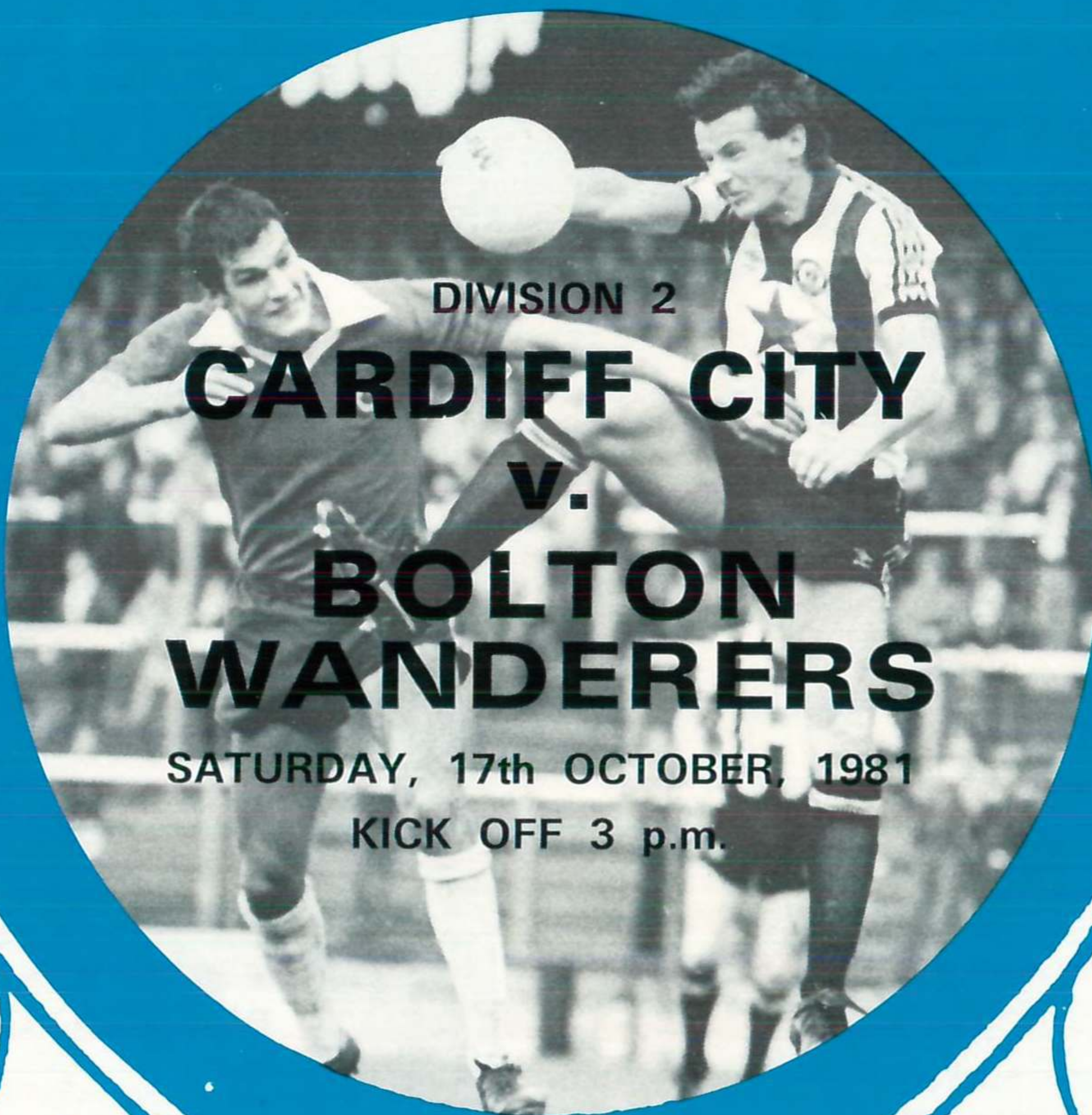


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Ninian NEWS DESK

OCTOBER 17, 1981

Bluebirds Journal No. 4

We've all been delighted to see Tim Gilbert back at Ninian Park. Following my Newsdesk item a fortnight ago wishing him a quick recovery on behalf of all City supporters, Tim has returned to active duty . . . it seems as if my words have the healing touch!

"At last, there is a medical explanation for everything," he says. "On top of the jaundice, which everyone knew about, it has now been diagnosed that I was suffering from glandular fever as well. And that explains the tiredness that I felt during the summer."

"I think that I proved my fitness beyond doubt when I played my first game recently: A thrilling 3-2 reserve win against Swansea City. They were so furious at the prospect of losing that the last ten minutes were like the siege of the Alamo—and I never flagged under tremendous pressure."

I would like supporters to make the acquaintance of Glyn Davies. To those who don't know him already, Glyn is the steward in charge of the Bluebirds Club, yet another superb facility that has been improved at Ninian Park.

It has been redecorated and refurbished to cater for everyone's needs. Glyn provides a tasty range of pre-match light meals and I hope that more and more people will become members at a very nominal charge indeed.

The Bluebirds Club is a fine social facility during the week as well: the atmosphere there offers a relaxing evening plus entertainment. Why not take a look? Because, once inside, you cannot fail to be impressed by the job that is being done there.

There will not be even a nominal charge for those supporters who wish to make a temporary switch from their season ticket seats in the Canton Stand. Just bring your ticket to the office and we will arrange a free transfer to the wings (Blocks A and F) of the Grandstand for as long as the work lasts at the far end of the ground.

We like to keep faith with supporters and we are well aware that Canton Stand ticket-holders bought their season tickets in the belief that the reconstruction would be completed quickly. The late delivery of steel now means that it will be after Christmas before the job is done . . . and it would be quite wrong to make loyal fans suffer.

We are glad to see those world famous athletes Brendan Foster and Allan Wells at our last game. They felt that their three day training session with the City players would produce a sharper edge — but they did confess to one failure . . . Harry Parsons.

Those who know Ninian Park's jack-of-all-trades will be aware that Harry weighs a pound or two (alright, then, a stone or two) more than he should. Bravely Harry launched himself on a circuit of the Gateshead track but, I feel bound to report, faded to walking pace half way round.

"Harry, you might have managed the complete 400 metres if you hadn't started so fast," said Brendan keeping a straight face. For just about the first time in living memory, Harry did not have enough 'puff' left to raise an answer.

Finally, I know that supporters will want me to wish every good fortune to midfield pair John Buchanan and Billy Ronson. Each has moved to clubs nearer their home backgrounds and we wish them well for the future.

RICHIE MORGAN'S VERDICT

Now comes a tremendous chance to 'lay our ghost'. Supporters will know exactly what I am talking about: two home games in succession against sides which, on paper, we should beat. We must end — and end now — our phobia about playing at home.

Victories against Bolton today and Shrewsbury next Saturday would do this club the world of good. They would also go a long way to correcting the lop-sided picture we are presenting in Second Division football at the moment a side outstanding away from its own pitch yet tumbling into errors in front of our own supporters.

If we have to scratch for that all important home win so be it. There was nothing wrong with either our commitment or our aggression in that last home game against Newcastle: it was the way we flew into tackles, ran with the ball into silly positions, delivered passes straight to the opposition etc.

Today, and again next Saturday, we have to harness our good attitude to the correct

values of football. I shall demand the standards that I expect and believe in: then it will be up to the players to show the professional application so woefully missing here a fortnight ago.

Although we lost at Sheffield Wednesday last Saturday, it was yet another display which produced a flow of compliments. Jackie Charlton summed it up so well when he said to me: "IF I was you right now, I'd feel sick about this result. You deserved to win."

"In terms of ability and performance, you were only a touch behind us." His view, I must stress, was echoed during the aftermath Press conference when local journalists expressed incredulous disbelief about our position in the table and that defeat by Newcastle — they simply could not understand how it happened.

Although it is hard to take satisfaction of any kind from defeat, I was pleased that we put right so many of the farcical elements of that Newcastle defeat. When we went a goal up through Dave Bennett, there were

enough chances to then wrap up the game and lock it away.

Wednesday equalised rather luckily when Ron Healey was unsighted behind a crowd of players and their winning goal represented no kind of justice to our skill, determination and competitive approach. We defended very well indeed.

We were all delighted that Dave scored his first goal for City and I can tell our supporters that Sheffield raved about his display. I dislike picking out individuals from a fine all round team performance but Dave revealed the outstanding qualities which made him so successful in the First Division.

It should also be noted from our game at Hillsborough that our side was very different in appearance. Billy Ronson has left; Colin Sullivan, Peter Sayer and Paul Maddy were all unfit: in attack, we are still in a 'shakedown' stage.

Yet, if all the good things about that game can be reproduced today, we will be well on the way to breaking that long sequence of home games without a win.

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VIEWPOINT Linden Jones

"Under-21 Selection Big Boost"

City may have lost their last two home fixtures but the picture isn't completely black by any means. Linden Jones, Paul Maddy and Tarki Micallef were all in the Wales squad for the Under-21 game against France at Newport last Tuesday.

"And obviously Paul Giles would have joined us in the original selection (instead of being on standby) if injury had not kept him out of the first team for the early weeks of the season. He thoroughly deserved his turn of good luck when injuries to other players brought him into the team against France in mid-week," says Linden who, now approaching 80 first team matches, was the 'senior' member among the City contingent for Somerton Park.

"Winning that selection vote from Mike England was a boost for us and for the club. I think that all of us had a personal motivation and that made us determined this season to challenge for Under-21 caps.

"Last season — along with Tarki — I had been a substitute for the Under-21 international in Holland and I had been disappointed then not to get a cap. So this season, I was intent on being there again especially as I had missed out on having a Youth cap as well.

"But, of course, it goes further than that. If Wales are going to the World Cup finals in Spain next year, there is the opportunity of a lifetime for any ambitious player. And I count myself very much in that category.

"Tarki wants to do what I've done over the past 12 months: establish himself as a regular first team player at this club. I know that he was sorry to be left out following his fine game at Luton so this Under-21 squad place did him the world of good.

"Paul was bitterly upset when he had to surrender his place in the Wales Youth side which went to last summer's finals of the 'Little World Cup'. Injury cost him the trip after two

outstanding displays in the qualifying matches and he saw this Under-21 selection as making up for that blow."

Linden has another year at Under-21 level and there are plans by national manager England for a series of these junior internationals, especially if Wales qualify for Spain. It is essential to the progress of Wales that he knows in exact detail the qualities of every challenging player and that gives Linden the chance of a long run of caps.

"Putting aside those home defeats by Blackburn and Newcastle, I think that I am making progress consistently now," he says. "I want to improve on my 29 matches last season and firmly prove to everyone that I'm in the first team for years to come.

"I feel that the in-and-out spell is behind me — and I know that Paul Maddy, Paul Giles and Tarki are battling strongly to make the same point. As locally born players raised at Ninian Park, we feel a special, extra reason for wanting to succeed."



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★ Player Spot

Gary Bennett is "making progress"

In the last issue of *Bluebirds Journal*, we featured Dave Bennett — who talked at length about how much he wants to play with younger brother Gary in City's first team. Now Gary, who arrived at Ninian Park two weeks earlier, takes up the family tale.

"When we were together at Manchester City, that was always our aim," he agrees. "We thought that we would achieve it and it looked promising for us at the end of the season before last.

"Then, of course, the management team at Maine Road was Malcolm Allison and Tony Book. They gave Dave his first team debut . . . and it was they who signed me as a professional. It didn't quite come off, however, although we played together in the reserve team a few times.

"When, of course, everything changed at Maine Road and it was Tony Book who recommended me to Cardiff City. I came down on a trial period, played a couple of games against Swansea City and Caerleon and then I was offered a year contract.

"I was delighted to accept it and now I am working hard in the reserves. I'm determined to make a breakthrough — and it is all up to me. I feel that that I am making progress and it's marvellous experience to play alongside Rod Thomas.

"Being alongside a tremendous 'pro' like him helps me come through with confidence. He talks to me a lot, advises me what to do and gives great encouragement. At 19 and with ambitions in the game, it is impossible to think of a better senior professional to have on my side."

Unlike his elder brother, essentially an attacking player, Gary is a central defender. "I did play midfield and up front, but that was in my schoolboy days," he says. "I settled into central defence from the moment that I joined Manchester City.

"When I went there for trials, I was asked by the youth team coach about my position and I said central defence. I had played there for the Manchester Boys under-11 side and on several more occasions as I came up through the ranks.

"At six feet, I also have a few inches on Dave and I felt that my extra height would be a big



advantage in this position. The difference is something of a joke between us. Often people who don't know us think that I am the older brother.

"Dave often plays along in this. When we are approached and someone says 'Dave Bennett?', he will often point at me. On the serious side, however, we help each other a great deal. We talk about the game for hours, especially when we've just finished matches.

"Then we discuss each other's strengths and weaknesses; where we did well; where we went wrong etc. It is a great help to each other to look so closely."

Gary rates his number one priority as "Getting in Cardiff's first team". After that he says: "I have to look to establish myself and then take my career from there."

He feels that he could not have joined a club with a better dressing room atmosphere than City and adds: "All Dave and I need now to complete an exciting move for us is somewhere to live. At the moment we are in a hotel but, with Paul Sugrue, who was with us at Maine Road, the three of us are looking for a three bedroom flat or house."



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CITY - 25 years ago

After just one narrow home victory — against Sheffield Wednesday — from their six previous matches in a furious, frantic month of fixtures during September, 1956, City needed goals and a win in the seventh: a home game against West Bromwich Albion...

Unfortunately, they got neither . . . but at least there was a point from the 0-0 stalemate. "It proved to be a disappointing affair in that nothing seemed to go right for our forwards in their goal scoring efforts," reported Bluebirds Journal.

"Our defence could not be faulted and the visitors attack, with an occasional exception, had as lean a time as our front line."

Nevertheless, if ever there was a moment to turn the tide, it was the following week against Leeds United — with John Charles billed as "captain and kingpin" in the visiting side. Bluebirds Journal also recalled "the wonderful scene" at the conclusion of the previous City v. United game, over four years earlier on May 3rd, 1952.

There was the "tremendous enthusiasm of the vast crowd as play ended and City had won their way back into the First Division". The only sad note was that none of the City players that memorable day were still in the side and just one, goalkeeper Ron Howells, remained in the club's service.

City's promotion winning side in 1952, and reprinted for the 1956 game to record the visit of Leeds following their own promotion from the Second, was: Howells; Glyn Williams, Alf Sherwood; Bobbie McLaughlin, Stan Montgomery, Billy Baker; Roley Williams, Doug Blair, Wilf Grant, Ken Chisholm, George Edwards.

The Leeds team that day in 1952 was: Scott; Milburn, Hair; Kerfoot, McCabe, Burden; Harrison, Mills, Fidler, Iggleden, Williams. Of those names, just three were back again: Hair, Kerfoot and Williams . . . although, of course, two more were to become well known names at Ninian Park, John Charles himself as a player and Peter Harrison as youth team coach.

In 1952, City won 3-1: this time, they did even better. They finished 4-1 winners with two goals from Gerry Hitchens and one apiece from Trevor Ford and John McSeveney.

A quarter of a century earlier, City also picked up form in Division Three (South). There was a 3-1 win against Brentford with Emmerson, Keating and Robbins all on target.

Second Look...

Today's visitors Bolton are the latest club to be given a taste of why so many experts rate Leicester City as outstanding prospects for an immediate return to the First Division: the Midlands side won 3-0 at Burden Park last Saturday.

Jim Melrose, last season's top marksman in Leicester's relegation, scored twice to celebrate his 23rd birthday, powerful Alan Young hit the third — and it could have been heavier but for some superb goalkeeping by Jim McDonagh who saved a Kevin MacDonald penalty.

"It is getting a bit hard to take. We are just too vulnerable when the opposition have the ball," said straight talking Bolton manager George Mulhall afterwards.

Meanwhile the club that links today's opponents, Newcastle United, were winning again thanks to Imre Varadi. A fortnight ago, United were winning here with a Varadi hat-trick following a defeat three days earlier at Bolton — and last Saturday, Varadi staged his follow up: two goals in Newcastle's home 3-0 win against Derby.

"I'm still not happy with my form," said Varadi repeating his after-match quotes at Ninian Park. "I should have scored a couple more in both games. I'll feel happier when I settle down and end the hotel living which has followed my transfer from Everton two months ago."

Billy Ronson's debut for Wrexham was not a happy occasion. They dived 0-2 at Chelsea as Mike Fillery and Colin Lee scored the goals which kept the London side breathing down the necks of top trio Luton, Watford and Sheffield Wednesday.

All of them collected points last weekend. Wednesday, of course, edged home against City; Luton claimed a point at Oldham but Watford alone left no room for argument. They trounced bottom club Orient 3-0 and the sequel came two days later: former Ninian Park favourite Paul Went resigned as manager to be replaced by Ken Knighton.

Emlyn Hughes is also finding his start to managerial life a testing experience. There was very little he could do on the touchline as he watched Crystal Palace demolish his Rotherham side 3-1. Now newly promoted Rotherham are slipping back down the table.

Norwich paid Queens Park Rangers £225,000 for goalkeeper Chris Woods and that looked money well spent as Woods defied his former teammates at Loftus Road. But after John Gregory had broken through in the 73rd minute, a Woods error contributed to Simon Stainrod's goal that sealed victory.

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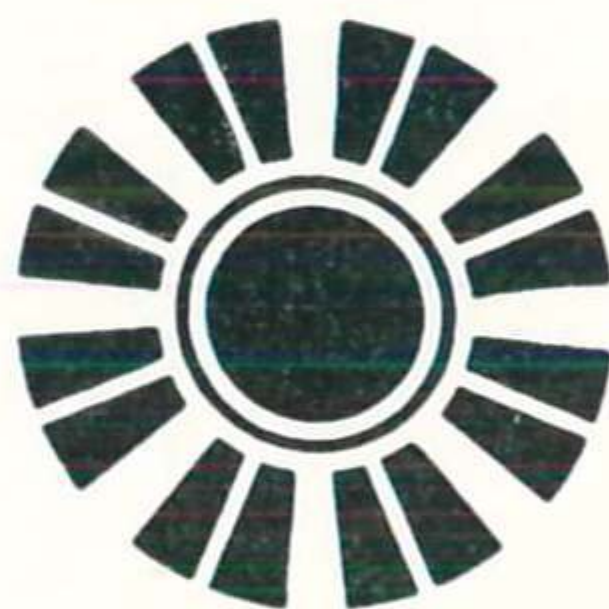


- Keith Pontin beats Chelsea keeper Petar Borota to lay on Peter Kitchen's goal.

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FACTS, FIGURES, AND PLAYERS

- Turned professional: 1880.
- Honours: Division 1 best season 3rd 1891-92, 1920-21, 1924-25. Division 2 champions 1908-09, 1977-78; runners-up 1899-90, 1904-05, 1910-11, 1934-35. Division 3 champions 1972-73. F.A. Cup winners 1923, 1926, 1929; runners-up 1894, 1904, 1953. League Cup best season semi-final 1976-77.
- Record win: 13-0 v. Sheffield United, F.A. Cup second round, February, 1890.
- Record defeat: 0-7 v. Manchester City Division 1, March, 1936.
- Most League points: 61, Division 3, 1972-73.
- Most League goals: 96, Division 2, 1934-35.
- Highest League scorer in a season: Joe Smith, 38, Division 1, 1920-21.
- Most League goals in total: Nat Lofthouse, 255, 1946-51.
- Most capped player: Lofthouse, 33 (England).
- Most League appearances: Eddie Hopkinson, 519, 1956-70.
- Record transfer fee received: £300,000 from Birmingham for Neil Whatmore, August, 1981.
- Record transfer fee paid: £350,000 to West Bromwich Albion for Len Cantello, May, 1979.

Bolton Wanderers, that club of mighty traditions, has its back to the wall so far this season. After last season's return to the Second Division and finishing in 18th place, two points ahead of Cardiff, they are now narrowly behind City at the foot of the table.

Like Cardiff, however, they have shown a capacity to produce an out-of-the-blue result to show that the picture is not as grim as it seems at first glance. They have, for instance, won emphatically at Derby County.

Gerry McElhinney and Chris Thompson scored the goals which produced that fine victory — and it was Thompson again who scored the goal which beat Newcastle three days before the North-East side came to Ninian Park and won 4-0.

Manager George Mulhall is facing a stern battle now and the departure to Birmingham City of that consistent marksman, Neil Whatmore, has limited the scoring power of his attack. He is obviously hoping that Thompson, with just 21 appearances in League football before this season, can step up to fill the gap.

Bolton went out to Lancashire neighbours Oldham in the first round of the League Cup and their Second Division record this season is:

- A Chelsea 0-2
- H Luton 1-2 (Gowling)
- A Barnsley 0-3
- H Oldham 0-2
- A Derby 2-0 (Elhinney, Thompson)
- A Rotherham 0-2
- H Newcastle 1-0 (Thompson)
- H Grimsby 1-2 (Thomas)
- H Leicester 0-3

Bolton took three points out of four against City last season. Goals from Gary Stevens and Mike Walsh left the sides level here but it was 4-2 at Burnden Park with John Buchanan twice on target but losing out to Thomas (2), Philip Wilson and Dusan Nikolic.

In a club of great traditions, the First Division is the one place that matters to Bolton's supporters. As original members of the Football League, Bolton have spent most of their 100 years as a professional club operating at that level.

They had an unbroken spell there from 1911 to 1933 and another from 1935 to 1964. The one crack in their distinguished history came with a two year spell in the Third Division at the start of the last decade—but Bolton is a club of spirit as well as success.

For the Record:

BOLTON'S RECORD IN THE SECOND DIVISION LAST SEASON:

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Pos.
42	9	8	4	34	20	—	4	5	12	21	39	18

GOALKEEPERS

JIM McDONAGH — In his second spell with Bolton. Rejoined Wanderers during the summer from Everton after a season at Goodison Park. This former Rotherham keeper was a member of Bolton's Second Division Championship Winning side in 1978. Republic of Ireland international.

DENNIS PEACOCK — Joined from Doncaster in March, 1980. Born in Lincoln, he had a spell with Nottingham Forest. At 6ft. 3ins., one of the tallest keepers in the League.

DEFENDER

GERRY McELHINNEY — Signed from Distillery at beginning of last season; former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer. Made his debut for Wanderers soon after signing. Aggressive, enthusiastic defender.

PETER NICHOLSON — Signed from Blackpool for a small fee prior to the 1971-72 season and has proved to be fantastic bargain. Utility player who always gives 100 per-cent in either defence or midfield.

PAUL JONES — Tall, quick-tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. Commanding player in the air as well as on the ground and has a habit of scoring vital goals. Can also play at full back with distinction.

MIKE BENNETT — Member of successful England Youth squad which won 1980 European Youth Championships in East Germany. Highly promising at full back and in midfield. Bolton born, he joined Wanderers as a schoolboy.

IAN BRENNAN — Cost bargain £25,000 when he signed from Burnley last season. Cultured left back who can also play in midfield or in central defence. Made more than 190 League appearances for the Turf Moor club before joining Wanderers.

MIDFIELD

PETER REID — Joined Bolton from school. Was regular member of the England Under-21 side which he also skippered. A very talented player who sustained severe knee injury which put him out of action for second half of season 1978-79 and the first half of the 1979-80 season. Has recovered to win back regular place.

LEN CANTELLO — Cost club record £350,000 when signed from West Bromwich in June 1979. Delights in stamping his authority on a game. Always looking for a chance to attack, he is an exciting player with an eye for seeing an unexpected opening.

DUSAN NIKOLIC — Signed from Red Star Belgrade in September 1980. Has represented Yugoslavia at senior international level on four occasions: also has 11 Under-23 caps and 24 youth international caps. Played for Red Star in European competitions every season since 1970.

TONY HENRY — Signed recently for £125,000 from Manchester City. One of unsung heroes of Manchester City revival last season, he came on as substitute in Manchester City F.A. Cup Final appearance in May. Versatile player who is equally effective in midfield or at full back.

DAVID HOGGAN — Joined Bolton from Tynecastle Boys Club, Edinburgh, as apprentice in November, 1977 and signed full professional forms in August, 1979. Made League debut in First Division at Bristol City in April, 1980. Won international recognition with Scottish Under-21's squad last season.

FORWARDS

BRIAN KIDD — Member of Manchester United's European Cup winning team in 1968 and was later capped twice by England. Moved to Arsenal for £110,000 in 1974 but two years later returned to Manchester to join the City club for £100,000. After two seasons at Maine Road, he joined Everton for £150,000 and became the club's top scorer. Joined Bolton for £150,000 in May 1980.

ALAN GOWLING — Signed for £120,000 from Newcastle United three seasons ago after four years at St. James' Park. Started his career with Manchester United and then moved to Huddersfield. Has won tremendous respect on and off the field and is leading figure in Professional Footballers Association of which he is current Chairman.

JOHN THOMAS — Speedy striker who was given his chance in League Football when he joined Everton. Signed for Wanderers on a free transfer in June, 1980, on recommendation of former team-mate Brian Kidd.

CHRIS THOMPSON — Quick, skilled attacker who signed from school. Became an apprentice and then went on to sign full professional forms in July, 1977. Has represented England at youth level.

MIKE CARTER — Highly talented striker who scores spectacular goals. Had loan spell with Mansfield in 1978-79, making 18 League appearances and scoring four goals. Made his League debut for Wanderers against Bristol City in December 1979 and scored his first League goal later that month in dying seconds to snatch a home point against Everton at Burnden Park.

BOLTON WANDERERS — SEASON 1981-82



Back row (left to right): Mike Bennett, David Kay, Barry Taylor, Wayne Foster, Brian Atherton, John Thomas, David Hoggan.

Middle row: Charlie Wright (Coach), Peter Nightingale (Physio), Neil Berry, Chris Thompson, Peter Nicholson, Dennis Peacock, Simon Farnworth, Jim McDonagh, Gerry McElhinney, Paul Jones, Ian Brennan, George Mulhall (Manager), Walter Joyce. (Coach).

Front row: Dusan Nikolic, Mike Carter, Alan Gowling, Len Cantello, Neil Whatmore (now with Birmingham) Peter Reid.

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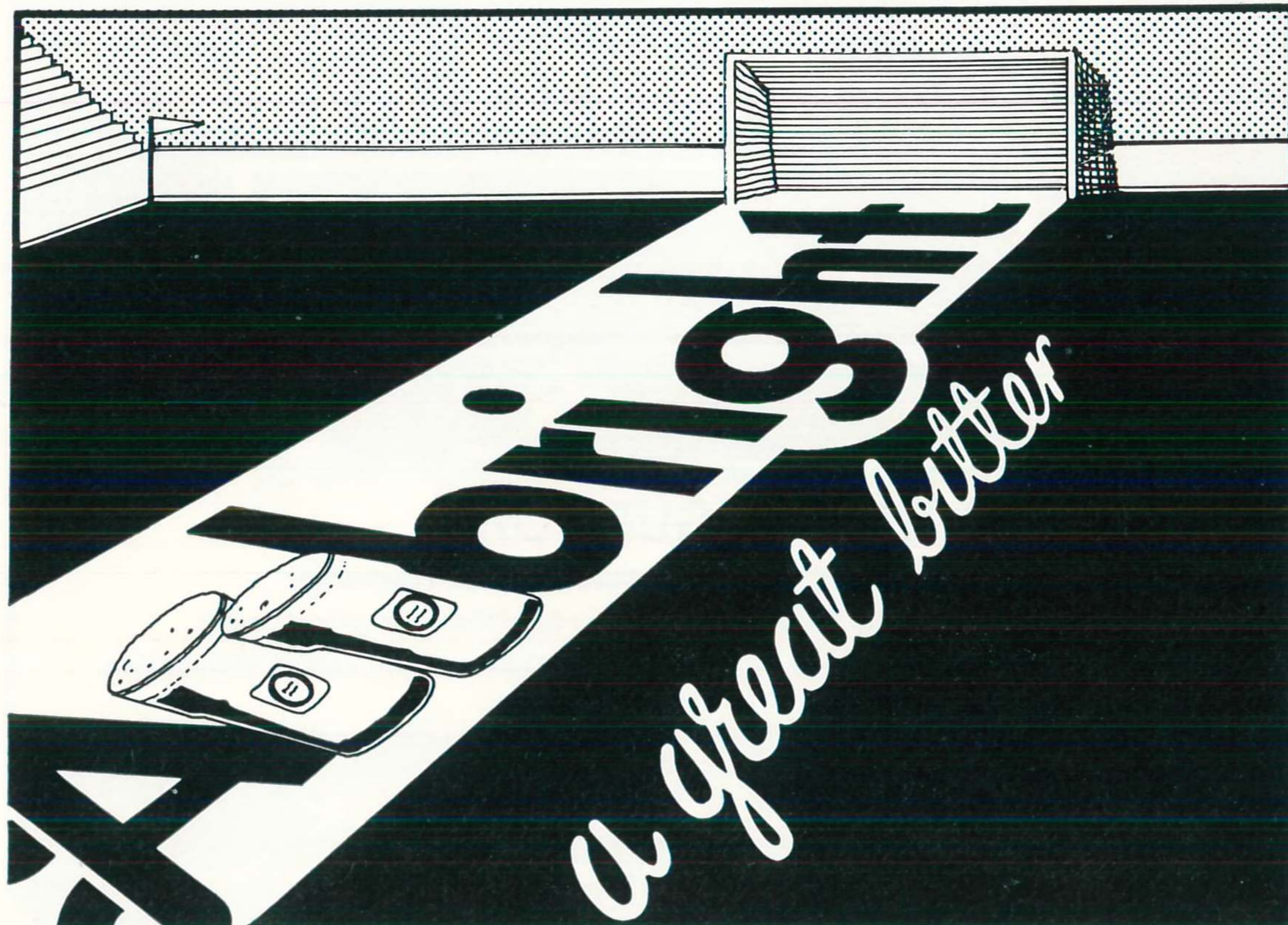
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K. PONTIN	189/5	154/5	12+2	5	13	2+1
S. GRAPES	152/6	117+8/5	11+1	3+1	9+1/1	0+1
G. STEVENS	136/37	107+12/33	9/3	1+2	5/1	0
P. SAYER	112/20	72+12/15	7/2	4/2	11+1/1	3+2
R. THOMAS	107	88+5	3+1	4	7	0
J. LEWIS	98/4	79+5/3	6/1	4	4	0
L. JONES	77/2	68/2	6	1	2	0
C. SULLIVAN	70/1	61+2/1	4	2	1	0
P. KITCHEN	53/21	44+2/15	4/1	1	2/5	0
P. GROTIER	36	31	5	0	0	0
T. MICALLEF	34/2	21+1/2	2	0	0	0
W. HUGHES	28/2	21+2/1	0+2	1	2/1	0
P. GILES	15/1	10+2/1	0	1	2	0
P. MADDY	11/2	9+1	0	0	1	0
T. GILBERT	6	6	0	0	0	0
D. BENNETT	3/1	3/1	0	0	0	0
P. SUGRUE	2/1	1	1/1	0	0	0
P. DAVIES	2	1+1	0	0	0	0

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	Total	League	Lg. Cup	F.A. Cup	Welsh Cup	ECWC
G. STEVENS	10/5	8/3	2/2	0	0	—
P. DWYER	10/1	8/1	2	0	0	—
K. PONTIN	10	8	2	0	0	—
J. LEWIS	10	8	2	0	0	—
L. JONES	10	8	2	0	0	—
R. HEALEY	10	8	2	0	0	—
C. SULLIVAN	9	7	2	0	0	—
P. KITCHEN	7/2	5+1/2	1	0	0	—
S. GRAPES	5	3	2	0	0	—
P. SAYER	4/1	4/1	0	0	0	—
T. MICALLEF	4	2+2	0	0	0	—
D. BENNETT	3/1	3/1	0	0	0	—
P. SUGRUE	2/1	1	1/1	0	0	—
W. HUGHES	2	1+1	0	0	0	—
R. THOMAS	1	1	0	0	0	—
P. GILES	1	0+1	0	0	0	—
P. MADDY	1	1	0	0	0	—
T. GILBERT	1	1	0	0	0	—

+ Indicates the number of appearances as substitute
Figure after oblique indicates goals scored

PAUL SUGRUE has recorded two milestones already since signing from Manchester City: his Cardiff debut and his first goal. That goal came at Exeter in a League Cup tie and Paul says: "It was the first header that I've scored in years!"

"John Lewis made a brilliant run down the left-hand side of the pitch and his cross was delivered perfectly. It went over the first defender, was 'weighted' not to reach the second . . . and I ran in between them to head in from eight yards.

"I couldn't believe it! I told the lads before the game that I was going to score two and that first one came after 12 minutes. I should have scored the second I promised with the last kick of the game but the ball spun the wrong side of the posts."

His first League game was even more momentous: Paul came into the side for the trip to Barnsley — and created the matchwinner for Gary Stevens. "Two of their defenders faced me and I took the ball between them. Then I crossed low straight to Gary on the far post. He then smashed it in."

What followed was not so exciting. Paul made his home debut against Newcastle United and, in a game during which so much went wrong, his injury was almost the first blow—ankle ligaments which were damaged after a collision.

"What annoyed me was that I've hardly had an injury since I became a professional footballer and now I've had two in the first few weeks of this season. The first was a thigh injury sustained during the game at Exeter, which kept me out for a fortnight; then came the ankle injury against Newcastle.

"I should have come off against Newcastle but Pete Sayer had his hamstring injury and he could hardly move. It was between me and him for substitution but, at half-time, it was decided that he had a greater handicap than me so I battled it out to the finish.

"It is horrible when your side is getting beaten and you can't run to help them out. I felt sorry for the supporters who were obviously looking for someone to turn the tide — but I didn't have the pace to do it because of that injury.

"Despite it all, however, I'm very happy to have joined City. The spirit is marvellous, the young lads are showing great promise and I've settled down really well. With my great friend Dave Bennett, I hope I can contribute a share towards better fortunes."

THE SEASON'S FACTS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

HOME						AWAY					
P	W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A Pts.
9	2	0	2	9	7	Luton Town	4	1	0	10	4 19
9	3	1	1	8	4	Watford	3	0	1	6	5 19
9	3	1	1	6	5	Sheffield Wednesday	3	0	1	5	1 19
8	2	3	0	8	4	Oldham Athletic	2	1	0	5	2 16
9	3	1	1	9	6	Chelsea	2	0	2	4	3 16
9	4	0	1	7	1	Newcastle United	1	0	3	5	6 15
9	4	0	1	9	2	Queens Park Rangers	1	0	3	5	8 15
9	2	1	1	4	3	Leicester City	2	2	1	9	6 15
9	3	0	2	5	4	Blackburn Rovers	2	0	2	5	6 15
9	3	1	1	9	5	Shrewsbury Town	1	1	2	2	7 14
9	4	0	1	8	3	Crystal Palace	0	1	3	1	4 13
9	1	1	3	6	8	Grimsby Town	3	0	1	6	4 13
9	2	1	1	5	4	Norwich City	2	0	3	7	11 13
9	3	0	1	7	3	Cambridge United	1	0	4	3	7 12
8	3	0	0	6	1	Charlton Athletic	0	2	3	3	9 11
9	3	0	1	8	1	Barnsley	0	1	4	4	9 10
9	3	1	0	8	2	Rotherham United	0	0	5	2	11 10
9	2	0	2	7	6	Derby County	1	1	3	5	11 10
8	1	0	3	4	7	Wrexham	1	1	2	3	3 7
8	0	0	3	2	9	Cardiff City	2	1	2	7	7 7
9	1	0	4	3	9	Bolton Wanderers	1	0	3	2	7 6
9	0	1	3	1	7	Orient	1	0	4	2	8 4

WITH THE RESERVES

by Colin Prophett

Another fine win by the reserves! Our unbeaten record was under heavy pressure in every sense of the word when we took on Swansea City at the Vetch Field — but we emerged 3-2 winners from an outstanding display of ability linked with fierce, competitive determination.

The Swans had a reserve side which included Brian Attley, Tommy Craig, David Giles, Nigel Stevenson, Dudley Lewis and Wyndham Evans. Yet we held them from start to finish and battled superbly in the closing stages to hold on to a well deserved victory.

Paul Davies gave us the lead and Mike Lewis restored that advantage after a Swans equaliser. Then Paul Giles provided us with a 3-1 trump hand and, from that moment, there was no way that we were going to lose.

The Swans hit us with everything but we denied them until the last minute when they reduced arrears from a corner. Peter Grotier had a fine game in goal, Gary Bennett continued his improvement in central defence and Wayne Hughes had his just rewards for a fine match when he was called into the first team for last Saturday's game at Sheffield Wednesday.

The point that this win stresses against such a strong Swansea side is that we are an up-and-coming squad. There are young players intent on making a name for themselves and our record this season speaks for itself. This was our second game in a four match series against Swansea and already we lead 2-0!

This leads me on to the issue about our fixture programme for the reserves. More matches are needed to build players into the standards of match sharpness required for first team football — the jump is big enough as it is and razor-edge fitness is essential.

With that aim, I have been working busily on the phone this week and I hope soon to have more games to announce. The job has only been started and we must take maximum advantage of a very promising situation.



WITH THE YOUTH

by Bobby Woodruff

Yet another encouraging display by our youth side! We won 1-0 at Newport County with a goal from Wayne Matthews to keep our 100 per cent record in the South Wales and Wessex Youth League.

Our record is now three wins in the League plus one victory in the League Cup while we have conceded one goal in a 5-1 win against Exeter. It now looks as if the title will be decided between us and Swansea City — because, in all honesty, we two rivals look a class apart.

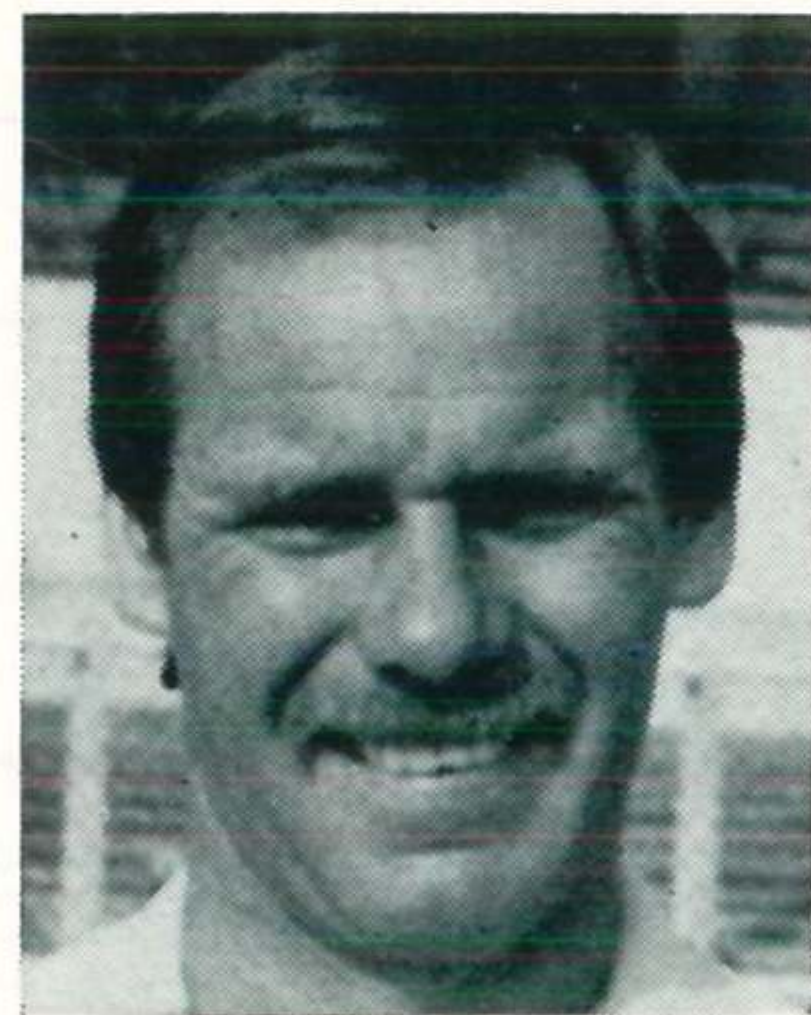
We should have played the young Swans a fortnight ago but the game had to be postponed because of the heavy pitch here after driving rain. I promise to let supporters know when the game is re-arranged . . . because I think that this will prove a shoot-out not to be missed.

Our win at Somerton Park came from a fiercely fought competitive match. I've found that Cardiff—Newport matches these days are invariably tight duels at all levels and it is always good to come out on top as we did recently.

We look for matches at every opportunity to keep our youngsters match sharp and provide them with as much experience as possible. In this context, we have also played Cardiff University and, once again, demonstrated the rising standards within this club.

The University are coached by that former City favourite Ronnie Bird and they had a weekend recently set aside for producing their teams for this season's student competitions. When Ronnie sorted out his first and second teams, we played both over 45 minutes.

The 'first half' was against the senior University side and we were leading 2-0 at the whistle. We doubled that scoreline against the second side in the next match and three of our goals overall came from Paul Evans.



... AND THE FIXTURES

LEAGUE AND CUP GAMES

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	ATTENDANCE	LGE. POS.	SCORERS
1981					
Sat. Aug. 29	Oldham Athletic	2-2	4,383	—	Stevens, Dwyer
Wed. Sept. 2	EXETER CITY (LC1)	2-1	2,688	—	Stevens 2
Sat. " 5	CHELSEA	1-2	8,898	19	Kitchen
Sat. " 12	Rotherham United	0-1	7,197	20	
Wed. " 16	Exeter City (LC1)	1-3	4,449	—	Sugrue
Sat. " 19	BLACKBURN ROVERS	1-3	4,253	20	Ronson
Tues. " 22	Luton Town	3-2	9,015	18	Kitchen (pen), Sayer, Stevens
Sat. " 26	Barnsley	1-0	12,114	17	Stevens
Sat. Oct. 3	NEWCASTLE UNITED	0-4	5,764	20	
Sat. " 10	Sheffield Wednesday	1-2	15,621	20	Bennett
Sat. " 17	BOLTON WANDERERS				
Sat. " 24	SHREWSBURY TOWN				
Wed. " 28	League Cup 2 (2L)				
Sat. " 31	Cambridge United				
Wed. Nov. 4	WREXHAM				
Sat. " 7	NORWICH CITY				
Wed. " 11	League Cup 3				
Sat. " 14	Watford				
Sat. " 21	LEICESTER CITY (1)				
Tues. " 24	Wrexham				
Sat. " 28	Queens Park Rangers				
Wed. Dec. 2	League Cup 4				
Fri. " 4	DERBY COUNTY				
Sat. " 12	Crystal Palace (2)				
Sat. " 19	GRIMSBY TOWN				
Sat. " 26	Orient				
Mon. " 28	CHARLTON ATHLETIC				
1982					
Sat. Jan. 2	F.A. Cup 3				
Sat. " 9	Chelsea				
Wed. " 13	League Cup 5				
Sat. " 16	OLDHAM ATHLETIC				
Sat. " 23	F.A. Cup 4				
Sat. " 30	Blackburn Rovers				
Wed. Feb. 3	League Cup SF 1				
Sat. " 6	ROTHERHAM UNITED				
Wed. " 10	League Cup SF 2				
	Newcastle United (5)				
Sat. " 20	BARNSLEY				
Sat. " 27	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY				
Sat. Mar. 6	Bolton Wanderers (6)				
Sat. " 13	Shrewsbury Town (LCF)				
Sat. " 20	CAMBRIDGE UNITED				
Sat. " 27	Norwich City				
Sat. Apr. 3	WATFORD (SF)				
Sat. " 10	ORIENT				
Tues. " 13	Charlton Athletic				
Sat. " 17	Leicester City				
Sat. " 24	QUEENS PARK RANGERS				
Sat. May 1	Derby County				
Wed. " 5	LUTON TOWN				
Sat. " 8	CRYSTAL PALACE				
Sat. " 15	Grimsby Town				
Sat. " 22	F.A. Cup Final				

CARDIFF CITY

(Blue shirts, Blue shorts, White socks)

BOLTON WANDERERS

(White shirts, Navy shorts, White socks)

Ron HEALEY	1	.....	Jim McDONAGH
Linden JONES	2	.....	Paul JONES
Tim GILBERT	3	.....	Mike BENNETT
Rod THOMAS	4	.....	Tony HENRY
Keith PONTIN	5	.....	Gerry McELHINNEY
Phil DWYER	6	.....	Alan GOWLING
Dave BENNETT	7	.....	Jeffrey CHANDLER
Tarki MICALLEF	8	.....	Brian KIDD
Gary STEVENS	9	.....	Chris THOMPSON
Wayne HUGHES	10	.....	Len CANTELLO
John LEWIS	11	.....	Trevor HEBBERD
	12	.....	John THOMAS

Referee:
C. L. NEWSOME
(Broseley, Salop)

Linesmen:
F. R. MARTIN
(Yellow flag)
T. K. MITCHELL
(Red flag)

Today's Referee

BERT NEWSOME started refereeing while in the Army; then progressed via the local Shropshire Leagues, Midland Intermediate and Central Leagues to the Football League. Refereed England v. Wales Youth international in 1975 and lined France v. Spain in Paris in 1971. An industrial representative with Telford Development Corporation.

RESULT

SCORERS

Here Next

Wed., 21st Oct: South Wales Senior Cup 1st Round City v. Taffs Well 7.30 p.m.
Sat., 24th October: Division 2 CITY v. SHREWSBURY TOWN 3 p.m.
Wed., 4th November: Division 2 CITY v. WREXHAM 7.30 p.m.